

**EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2014 - 85 N. MARKET ST.**

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present were Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, and Village Attorney David Powers. Mayor Zuch swore in newly reelected Council members Jim Tyger, Don Elzer, and Alan Cohen. She also swore in David Powers as Village Attorney. The minutes of the December 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mrs. Wisser. All in favor. The December 2013 monthly department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Elzer. All in favor. There were no agenda items.

**CLERK:** Clerk Misti Martin stated there will be an Architectural Design Board meeting on Thursday January 16 at 6pm, and a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on Thursday January 23 for an application for a yard variance. The Clerk also stated there is a new informational page on Facebook called "East Palestine Information". This was the idea of Don & Dianna Elzer and will be administered by the Village to get information to the public as fast as possible.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Margo Zuch stated we have been through a horrible ordeal, she is very proud of the crew, safety forces and the generosity of the residents. There were very few complaints and it was a joint effort by the entire community. Mayor Zuch asked Chief Todd to read the list of volunteers for food/time. He said that the F.D. set at Clark St. station so residents could get drinking water and non potable water for flushing. Chief Todd stated the initial shipment of drinking water was a semi load from Wal-Mart, and a second semi load from Chippewa Giant Eagle, and the local Sparkle Market donated drinking water also. The Firemen and volunteers worked for almost three straight days passing out water. He stated they received help from Gorbys, Cozzas Pizza, the Elzers, the Catholic Church, the Coffee Stop, Subway, Denny & Stacey Griffith, Jim & Janet Hill, Bill & Gene Riddle, Endia Wisser, T & M Hardware, Bill Harris, Gene Hoffman, C. H. McCutcheon, and the Presbyterian Church. They brought in enough food to feed all of the volunteers. Chief Todd thanked everyone that helped and also the Junior Fire Fighters were there helping pass out water.

**MANAGER:** Manager Monteleone stated he would like to have a Street Committee meeting before the next Council meeting and that a committee meeting was needed to discuss the hiring of Building and Zoning Inspector. It was decided that a Safety meeting would be held at 6PM and a Street Committee meeting would be held at 6:30 pm prior to the next regular council. Monteleone thanked all of the departments for working so hard during the last few days.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Attorney David Powers stated he gave Council a written report. He also stated he and Manager Monteleone have scheduled weekly meetings for every Wednesday at 8 am.

**STREET: NO REPORT**

**SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM:** Mr. Cohen had no report other than to note that Manager Monteleone picked John Herbert for the vacated Park Board seat.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Elzer stated that Marshalls Bar and Grille had their grand opening on Saturday, and that they donated food to the Water Department over the weekend.

**UTILITY:** Mrs. Wisser asked Water Superintendant John Jurjavcic to summarize what happened over the weekend. Jurjavcic stated that the wells went down. One "silted up" and wasn't producing water, the production was down on the other one and wasn't producing enough water to push through the plant and with the last freeze they found multiple water breaks. Currently everything is back online and we need to replenish the reservoir. Everyone still needs to conserve for a few more days. The entire Village is on a boil order and hopefully everything will be back to normal by the end of the week.

**FINANCE: NO REPORT**

At this time Mayor Zuch gave a summary of the legislation. There were no comments on current legislation. Monteleone pointed out that in the Concession stand agreement it says 5% of gross profits and it should say gross sales and that will be changed for the next meeting. Mr. Cohen asked how the gross sales would be determined, and that they should have receipts to verify was to be paid and that he suggested that should be added to the agreement.

**VISITORS:** Ed Cvelbar, Doug Simpson, Jim Mackall, George Fisk, Denny Griffith, Larry & Terry Ward, Mark Walker, Jerry Coblentz, John Hersh, John & Dot Herbert, Rick & Karen Gorby, John & Bonnie Davis, Pam Figley, Chief Kevin Dickey, Zack Gorby, Jim Williams, Jon McElroy, Frank & Linda Ungaro, Emery coon, Denise Powers, Dan Scott, Bob Harris, Kim Sansenbaugher, Kent Chapman, John Jurjavcic, Brock Jurjavcic, Chief Brett Todd, Katie Schwendeman.

**LEGISLATION:** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 38-2013 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with Myers Equipment Corporation for the purchase of a 2014 “Super Warrior” type III ambulance.** Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 38-2013. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. 6 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 1-2014 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with C & S Concessions for the operation of the Village Park Concession Stand.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 2-2014 and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Finance Director to establish a fund pursuant to restrictive donation of funds by Unity Township, and declaring an emergency.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll call vote, 6 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 2-2014. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. 6 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Res. 1-2014 and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution authorizing the Village Manager of the Village of East Palestine to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Transportation for a transportation alternatives program grant and declaring an emergency.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll call vote with 6 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Res. 1-2014. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. 6 yes to pass.

At this point Water Superintendant John Jurjavcic thanked everyone who helped out over the last few days including Carol Cope and Misti Martin and also Doug Simpson. He said Mr. Simpson has worked in the water industry for a long time and as soon as he heard the problems he went to the plant to offer assistance.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

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Misti J. Martin Clerk

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Mayor Margo Zuch